

Where can languages lead our students?

Diploma of Language Studies The University of Sydney

The AIS Languages Conference: Languages Education – Vital and Viable

18 July 2014

FACULTY OF ARTS &
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr Nerida Jarkey
School of Languages and Cultures



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



Diploma of Language Studies, University of Sydney

Strong tradition of programs for those with strong focus on languages:

- Bachelor of Arts Languages → up to three language majors; compulsory exchange
- Bachelor of Arts → up to two language majors; optional exchange
- Most other programs in FASS → one language major; optional exchange

Program for those with alternative focus (study, work, research):

- Diploma of Language Studies
 - one language major;
 - optional exchange, internship, practicum, clinical placement, short-term research program

Eligibility for Admission to the Diploma of Language Studies

- Enrolled in any degree program at the University of Sydney
- Enrolled in any degree program at another tertiary institution
- Already have any undergraduate degree



Diploma of Language Studies, University of Sydney

Diploma of Language Studies: Subject Areas

Arabic Language & Literature	Modern Greek Studies	Japanese Studies
Chinese Studies	Hebrew (Classical)	Korean Studies
French Studies	Hebrew (Modern)	Latin
Germanic Studies	Indonesian Studies	Sanskrit
Greek (Ancient)	Italian Studies	Spanish and Latin American Studies



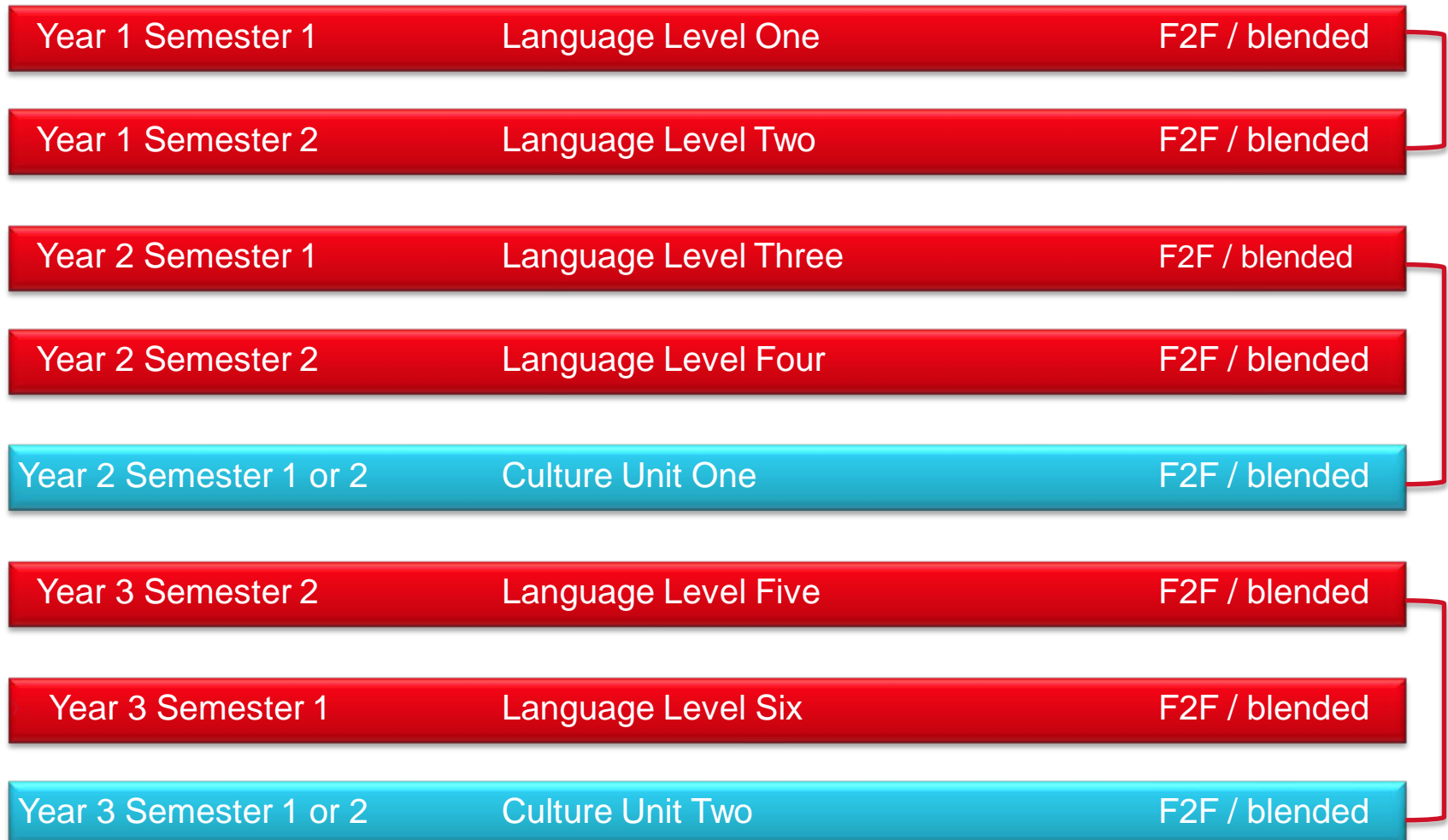
Diploma of Language Studies, University of Sydney

Diploma of Language Studies: Subject Areas – Accelerated

Arabic Language & Literature	Modern Greek Studies	Japanese Studies
Chinese Studies	Hebrew (Classical)	Korean Studies
French Studies	Hebrew (Modern)	Latin
Germanic Studies	Indonesian Studies	Sanskrit
Greek (Ancient)	Italian Studies	Spanish and Latin American Studies



Diploma of Language Studies, University of Sydney

Regular Pathway: minimum 3 years



Diploma of Language Studies, University of Sydney

Accelerated Pathway: minimum 14 months

January	Language Level One	Blended Mode	
February	Language Level Two	Blended Mode	
Semester 1	Culture Unit One	Online Mode	
July	Language Level Three	Blended Mode	
Semester 2	Culture Unit Two	Online Mode	
November	Language Level Four	Blended Mode	
January	Language Level Five	Blended Mode	
February	Language Level Six	Blended Mode	

One 'culture' unit in common for all students taking Accelerated Pathway:

- 'Essentials of Language Learning'
 - ✓ Explores issues of 'translatability' (*not* translation)
 - ✓ Deals with 'translatability' at various levels: words, expressions, sentences, discourse
 - ✓ Equips students to:
 - use language as a window on cultural concepts
 - develop communicative competence in their target language

One 'culture' unit specifically for students studying each language:

- 'Dynamics of Language in Southeast Asia'
- 'Understanding Japan'
- 'Korea in Literature and Popular Culture'
- 'The Spanish-Speaking World'



Thank you!